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Applicants for DO/US: Mettens, *et al.*  
Title of Invention: VACCINE COMPRISING IL-12 OR IL-23 FOR  
TREATMENT OF AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES  
  
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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to calculating filing fees and examining this application please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.